

# THE BIG STORY: 3G PITCH & FACILITIES

Ballybeen Improvement Group have put a lot of effort into lobbying for a 3g pitch, including changing rooms with male, female and disabled facilities, and a 'highway to health' and trim trail on the existing path. The detailed plans produced give you an idea of what this could look like.

*"We are quite pleased that the proposal still retains a large section of 'green space', whilst providing excellent local facilities for sport"* says Tanya Hughes (Ballybeen Women's Centre & BIG Director.)

Thanks to support from across the political spectrum this has been passed by the Leisure committee, and has since attained full Council approval on the 28th June.

The Council have given a commitment to source the funds for this estimated 1.1million pound redevelopment.

Davy Livingstone, (Secretary of Dungoyne & one of BIG's Directors says:

*"We realise there is still a long way to go and a lot of hard work to put in, but we hope to be able to progress this proposal to provide the people of Ballybeen & Dundonald with a major sports facility right on our own doorstep."*



The next stage is to appoint a consultant & develop a business plan for this proposal. If all goes according to the agreed schedule, it is anticipated that this project could be completed by December 2017. **We will keep you updated!!!**

## Dungoyne FC's presentation

On Saturday 11th June, Dungoyne FC held their annual awards presentation ceremony at Dundonald High School. Thanks to Ken Perry for letting Dungoyne use the School for this purpose

We have included a selection of pictures of the awards to highlight the positive work in sports & personal development that Dungoyne continues to deliver to our local young people/youth.

Included is Christopher Tyrie who received the coveted *'Dungoyne boy of the year'* award



# BIG NEWS

BIG would like to congratulate both the Dungoyne staff and the young people themselves on all their achievements. Well done to all our 'Young-Ambassadors' !





## Mens' Shed funding

We are pleased to announce that the Ballybeen Men's Motivational Group, (a member of BIG) , have secured approximately £200k funding from the Big Lottery's people & communities fund to continue to develop their popular 'Men's Shed' project.

Well done on a successful application!

This will build on the current programme to provide a space for men to meet and chat, to pursue and promote healthy lifestyles and enable and re-equip men to become fully involved in community life by tackling the issue of social isolation head on

Despite the restrictive title of 'Men's Shed' we understand that the intention is to develop this on an intergenerational basis and build on the conversation that has already begun to create improved social cohesion.

We wish the Motivational Group every success!

And we at BIG encourage the community to make full use of this funding that has been secured on their behalf to improve their quality of life.



## Mens Motivational Group

# Celebrating achievement

We have included some photographs of the recent Ballybeen Women's Centre celebrating achievement event on the 15th June.

Thanks to all the staff at the Women's Centre, and the women themselves on their many achievements in education & training.

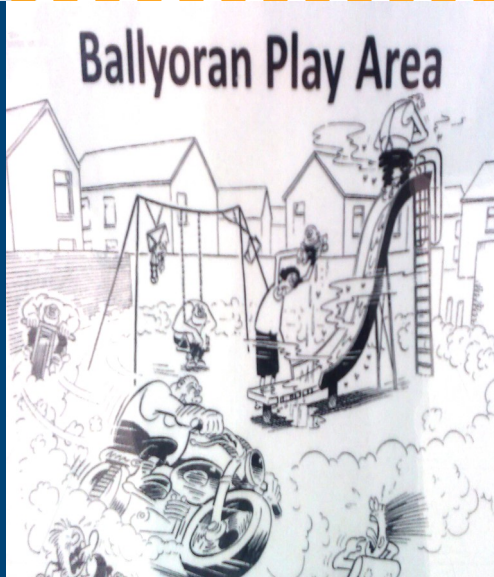
Well Done!!!



## LOBBYING

We at BIG would like to thank everyone for the turn out to the Playpark consultation. We hope that this will deliver improved local facilities, something that we at BIG have successfully lobbied for.

Thanks to the Council for their commitment.



Well done to our young people on their pre-school graduation from the Ballybeen Women's Centre.  
**INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION!!!**





# Ballybeen Cultural Fun Day

BAGIT organised the 11th July Cultural Fun Day at the Enler Complex with free amusements and cultural music provided. The event was well attended, and in the words of Neil Shields (BIG director) *"this provided our young people with the opportunity to celebrate and express their culture in a positive and inclusive way that brought together all of our community"*

Our thanks to the Pride of Ballybeen Flute Band for bringing the day to a close on a musical note.

As you will see from this small selection of pictures, a fantastic day was had by all....



Lord Mayor Brian Bloomfield with Cllr Sharon Skillen & our own Craig Mullan





## The BIG-Dungoyne Invitational Youth football tournament

The Dungoyne Invitational has been organised for the month of August at the Billy Neill football pitches at Comber Rd Dundonald. This year we are pleased to welcome youth teams from as far away as Londonderry, Lurgan, & Portadown; as well as more local teams from North, East & West Belfast. (including Carryduff, Ards, Ballysillan, Blackstaff, Springfield, Glentoran, & Carniny) The tournament runs from Saturday 13th August - Sunday 28th August. Thanks to Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP for the support given to BIG in partnership with Dungoyne FC to help deliver this tournament, as a youth diversionary event intended to keep our young people engaged in positive activity.

**Dungoyne are also looking people to help out/coach their 2010's & 2011's. Coaching will start on the 1st Sunday in September at Moat Park 10.30am -12pm. All kids in this age group are welcome!!! If interested contact Davy Livingstone on 07966552480.**



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## Dungoyne Award from Pat Jennings

On 26th June Mc Donald's head of Northern Ireland football, and Northern Ireland legend, Pat Jennings, presented the regional accredited club of the year award to Dungoyne FC.

As you see from the photos; the legend took the time to meet and greet local people and no request was too much.

Well done to all involved!

It was especially good to see Jamesy Brotherston, father of Noel, meeting Pat, who played in the same team as his son with both Northern Ireland & Spurs



# BIG tug of war competition

On Friday 16th September @ 6.30pm, we are holding our 2nd Ballybeen annual **tug of war competition** at Brooklands pitch.

This competition is open for teams of 6 people, with local sports teams, churches & schools already confirmed.

There will also be a children's tug of war event.

The admission price will be £30 per team with the money raised going to local schools.

It will be good to see the Pride of Ballybeen defend their title!!!!



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**Wednesday 17th August**  
@ Ballybeen Women's Centre 10am—12 pm

## BALLYBEEN WOMEN'S CENTRE - EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAMME - STARTING SEPTEMBER 2016

	Course	Course	Course
Mon	OCR Level 2 in IT User Skills* 9.30am-12noon 18 weeks Starts: 19/9/16	Essential Skills -Numeracy 9.30am - 11.30am 30 weeks Starts: 19/9/16	Let's Talk- Emotional Health & Well-Being 10am-12noon 6 weeks Starts: 19/9/16
Tues		Essential Skills-Literacy 9.30am-11.30am 30 weeks Starts: 20/9/16	Creative Arts - Mixed 10am-12noon 10 weeks Starts: 20/9/16 *£10 additional material charge
Wed		GCSE Maths* 9.30am-11.30am 30 weeks Starts: 21/9/16	Gel Nails* 10am-12.30pm 6 weeks Starts: 21/9/16
Thurs	Step 1 ICT Skills 9.30am-11.30am 30 weeks Starts:22/9/16	Essential ICT Skills 11.30am-1.30pm 30 weeks Starts:22/9/16	Positive Parenting Skills 10am-12noon 6 weeks Starts: 22/9/16
Fri	Essential ICT Skills 9.30am-11.30am 30 weeks Starts:23/9/16	Baby Massage 10am-12noon 6 weeks Starts: 23/9/16	Facials, Skincare & Make-up Application* 10am-12.30pm 6 weeks Starts: 22/9/16
			Chair Yoga 10am-11am 7 weeks Starts:9/9/16

Ballybeen Women's Centre new education/training courses starting September 2016. Now enrolling! For further information and enrolment contact: Amanda Marshall (education & training co-ordinator on 02890481632 or call in at 34 Ballybeen Square Dundonald.

## WELCOME

to our new member groups

The Pride of Ballybeen Community Flute Band

43rd Old Boys FC Dundonald

Dundonald Bowling Club

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Thanks for all your support!

Dungoyne FC are also looking people to help out / coach their 2010's & 2011's football teams.

Coaching is due to start on the 1st Sunday in September at Moat Park from 10.30am-12pm.

All kids in this age group are welcome !!!

If **YOU** are interested in coaching, or have a young person interested in playing,

Contact Davy Livingstone on 07966552480.



# BIG HELP

## Advice & Assistance Clinic

Every Tuesday morning  
10am - 1pm  
@ BIG office

**CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE!**

Following requests from residents who have been calling into the BIG office to see if we can help with issues/problems they are experiencing, our newly appointed development worker has opened a 'BIG HELP' clinic every Tuesday from 10am-1pm.

Why not call in and see if we can HELP or signpost you onto someone that can. We are pleased to have already helped with housing allocation issues & problems with weeds on the public footpaths.



### DEVELOPMENT WORKER REPORT

Welcome to the first issue of 'think BIG', the Ballybeen Community newsletter, produced in conjunction with all our member groups, to keep YOU the local community informed & engaged.

Since starting employment on 1st June 2016, our new community development worker has been reviewing all of BIG's governance & has developed the following policies alongside our interim policy sub-group;

Health & safety, vulnerable adults safeguarding, Child protection, Financial procedures, Data protection, Document retention, Environmental policy, Equal opportunities & Volunteering policy.

A staff handbook has also been ratified by the Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> June.

A staff/Board training programme is also at a draft stage, in order to provide the appropriate and necessary training to meet both the current and future governance needs of BIG.

In terms of funding: A successful application for £1500 has been received from the PCSP/DOJ for a youth football tournament in partnership with Dungoyne FC, at Billy Neil pitches from 13<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> August. This involves teams from North, East, South & West Belfast, Maiden City & Lurgan, with a cross-community / youth diversionary focus.

Two other applications are in with the Housing Executive (£5000) & ICDI volunteer now small grants (£1200), to deliver a volunteer development strategy, and assist with deployment in a 'Ballybeen in bloom' initiative as a key objective of the BIG action plan.

If successful we will use this to recognise and celebrate volunteering, audit their training needs, strengthen the sub-groups, and develop a volunteer database for the area.

Plans are also at an advanced stage to open a monthly multi-agency advice clinic with the PSNI & the Housing Executive to deal with housing & anti-social / crime issues for local residents, which in turn will allow us to hold these agencies to account in how they continue to deliver their services at a local level within Ballybeen.

Thanks for all your support!!!!

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



BIG held our Annual General Meeting on the 18th August, 6.30pm @ St Marys Church.

Thanks to all who attended; our statutory and community partners, and the local politicians who continue to support us in our advance towards achieving the many outcomes in our Ballybeen development plan.

Thanks also to St Marys and Rector Mark Harvey for the use of their main hall & facilities.

We are pleased to report that our Directors have been unanimously re-elected to serve on the Board for another year, with the appointment of independent auditors confirmed as the last duty of the serving Board, before re-election.

Thanks to Stephen Sherrin of the Methodist Church at the end of his 2 year tenure as BIG Chairperson, a tenure that has seen much progress; and we wish our new appointee office bearers every success in the future.



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To create and sustain a vision and identity for Ballybeen as a self-sufficient progressive community and place to live